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My Dear Friend.

In regard to undertaking the service at Washington this winter, I would say that I had rather some other person should be selected. In the first place I do not now know how I could have the paper taken care of in my absence. In the second place I have some reason to fear that my labors however diligent and conscientious might not be generally acceptable. In the third and last place the labor is severe and often at irregular hours. I went to the Post office three times every week between Midnight and morning. I am aware of the import-

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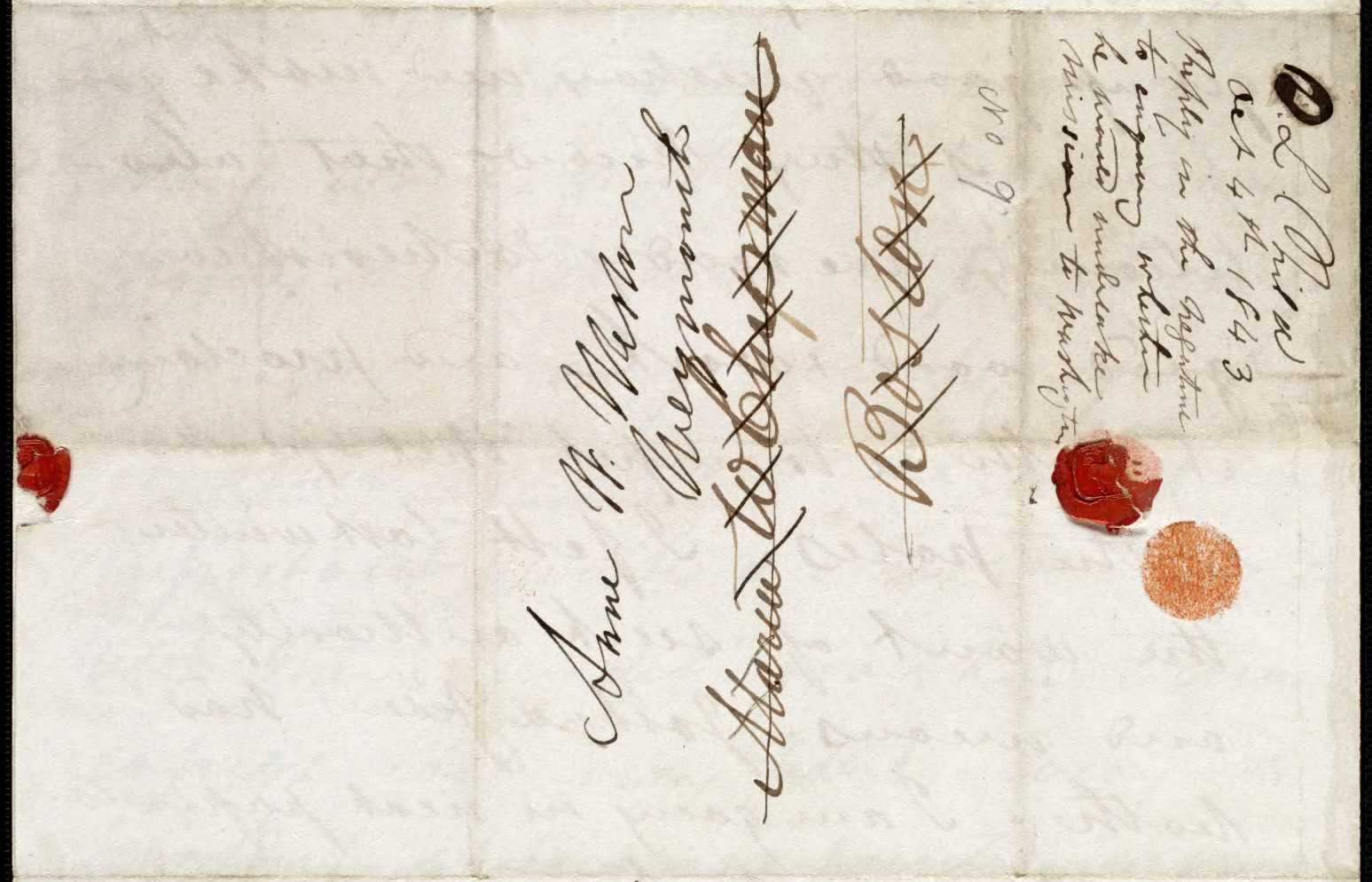
ance of hooking somebody at that post. but I have no wish to occupy it myself. I thought of Wendell Phillips. He would be a very useful agent there. Whoever is sent I would strongly urge one thing, which is that he have authority and means to print extra numbers of any speech, report or other document he may deem important, with a view to distribute them under "frank". Extra copies cost very little. Every important speech is printed in pamphlet form, and a few hundred extra copies may be had for a cent or two a piece. The same is true

of "pub doc". Then again anything of Congressional origin or under frank, can go anywhere in the slave states. Again it is a great encouragement to our friends to work and get up good questions and make good speeches if they know that abolitionists are ready to cherish every good word & work, and proclaim it with a trumpet that speaks to the poles. I felt last winter the want of such authority and means. Joshua Jesuit had both. I am going in next paper to do what I think is full and exact justice to that great anti Slavery scheme. ~~in next Standard~~ I do not expect to please anybody save myself therein.

but I have been so often urged to make a simple and complete statement of the affair of speculating away our paper, that I do not feel at liberty, much as I hate to reopen the subject, to be silent. I hope



to do up the work once for all. It can however do no good except to our own friends for we can never get it before the readers of the Emancipator and other Third Party papers.

Faithfully yr Friend and Fellow Servant. D. L. 6